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MILO BELL JOINS FWS AS CONSULTING ENGINEER

The appointment of Milo C. Bell, of Blaine, Washington, as a consulting engineer to assist in the further development of a Federal fishery program for the Columbia River Basin was announced today by Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The problem of successfully getting fish over the numerous power dams now being constructed and planned for the future in the Columbia River is so serious that the future value of the multimillion dollar fishing industry is being threatened, according to the Service Director. To meet this situation, the States of Washington and Oregon are co-operating with the Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies in studies to develop practical methods for guiding adult fish upstream over the dams, and the young fish down. These studies involve both specialized engineering and biological skills.

Mr. Bell, who is an authority in his field, will serve as engineering consultant to Director Day in all matters relating to fishways at dams and as liaison officer of the Service with the construction agencies both in Washington and in the field. Initially, he will be headquartered in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Bell, who comes to the Service from the State of Washington's Department of Fisheries where he has been chief technical adviser to the Director of Fisheries, is particularly well qualified to handle his new Federal post, said Director Day. He has developed fish-passage devices for the State of Washington; was chief engineer for the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission during the construction of the eminently successful \$2 million fishways at Hells Gate Canyon on the Fraser River; and served as consultant to the Corps of Engineers during the building of the first major fishway at Bonneville Dam and later on the major fishery problems related to the construction of the McNary Dam fish facilities and the fish passages for the Dalles Dam.

Mr. Bell was born in Marion, Iowa, on June 4, 1905. He was graduated from the University of Washington in 1930 with a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering.

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